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NEWS NOTES

Tickets available for Spring/ Summer sporting events

All tickets are available at the One Stop Shop

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees

The Civilian Welfare Fund has ordered 12 season tickets to each Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankee home game.

The tickets (\$6 each) are in the box seat area. The first game is Thursday. Special Home opener tickets are \$10 each. This special ticket is for a seat in the lower outfield seating area and it also includes a free hot dog and soda, plus a souvenir Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankee baseball hat.

In addition to these tickets, the Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor two discount games at the stadium. Tobyhanna Army Depot will have tickets at the Coors Light Pavilion Deck on June 23, 7 p.m., against the Syracuse Sky Chiefs and July 28, 7 p.m., against the Rochester Red Wings.

Tickets for both games are \$7 each.

New York Yankee bus trips

The Civilian Welfare Fund has ordered tickets for two games this upcoming baseball season.

The first will be June 10, 1:05 p.m., against the Pittsburgh Pirates. 100 Tier Reserve tickets were ordered at the \$30 advanced purchase ticket price. The trip cost is \$40 and includes the bus ride, bagged lunch, a bag of nuts and the game ticket.

The second game is being called "The All-American 4th of July Trip" and is being geared towards the family. Game time is at 1:05 p.m. on July 4. Cost is also \$30 and includes the bus ride, lunch, bag of nuts and the game ticket. Tickets are on sale now.

Philadelphia Phillies tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund has ordered tickets for one game this upcoming baseball season.

The game will be Aug. 12, 1:05 p.m., against the Atlanta Braves. Fifty Scoreboard Porch tickets were ordered at the \$32 advanced purchase ticket price.

The trip cost is \$40 and includes the bus ride, bagged lunch, a bag of nuts and the game ticket plus a \$10 concession stand credit. Tickets are on sale now.

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X-band antenna Reset supports Army, Marines, Air Force in Southwest Asia

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Six Antenna Systems Branch technicians have Reset and upgraded 28 Lightweight High Gain X-Band antennas for the Army, Marines and Air Force.

The AS-4429 LHGXA is a mobile large aperture tactical antenna. It consists of a 16-foot reflector mounted on a trailer and operates with X-band satellites and AN/TSC-85D and 93D satellite terminals to provide data, voice and Internet communications.

The branch is part of the Communications System Directorate's Satellite Communications Division.

"We began the Reset workload in mid-2005," said Denis Calarco, branch chief. "In October, the decision was made to upgrade the antennas, so now we are upgrading them as well to the B model. We've completed nine antennas this fiscal year, eight for the Army and one for the Marines."

The upgrade entails replacing Low Noise Amplifiers with a newer version and eliminating the wave guide switch and Built In Test Equipment to make the system more compatible with the AN/TSC-85D and 93D terminals.

Reset for this antenna system consists of disassembling it and making repairs as needed.

"Most of the repairs are minor – dings, dents and rust. The systems that have come in are in good shape operations-wise," said John Borgna, electronics worker. "We haven't had any trouble."

"The most difficult part of this mission is actually keeping the parts together. After a system is disassembled, the parts have to be serialized so components are not mixed up."

Overhaul of the trailer system components, including sheet metal, brakes and wheels, is done by the Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

"Reset usually does not include any aesthetic work, but these systems are brought to like-new condition," Calarco said. "After the mechanical overhaul is done, they are sandblasted and painted, green or tan depending on where they are going."

The antenna systems are tested at Tobyhanna as well. "We test them using a satellite, making any adjustments to get the best signal and align the limits adjusters, which set the antenna's position limits. We print the test data and ship that with the antenna to the customer."

When an antenna is done, it is shrink-wrapped by a contractor and shipped to units such as the Army's 392nd Signal Battalion.

"We have a 90-day turnaround deadline, but have finished some systems a week ahead of schedule," Calarco said.



George Schaffer (left), Mike Konasavage and Tom Marsico prepare to attach one of two spars that will brace the boom assembly of an AS-4429 Lightweight High Gain X-Band antenna. The spars are put in place prior to disassembly of the antenna for repairs and upgrades. The technicians work in the Antenna Systems Branch of the Communication Systems Directorate's Satellite Communications Division. (Photo by Anthony Ricchiazzi)

First Adopt-A-Highway of season set just before Earth Day

The first Tobyhanna Army Depot Employee Adopt-A-Highway litter pick up this season is scheduled for April 21, the day before Earth Day.

All employees are invited and encouraged to participate. Spouses and children over 10 are also invited to participate.

This worthwhile effort takes about two to three hours. All participants are requested to meet at Barney's Lake parking lot around 8 a.m.

Be sure to bring identification. Refreshments will be available. The POC is Randy Didier, X57090.

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Forgive in deed, words

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by
Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley



"If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:15 (King James Version)

I thought everyone might enjoy a humorous poem I found, especially as it perfectly illustrates the verse just quoted.

"Old Silas Phipps"

*Our elder told us yesterday, we
had not learned to live
Until we learned how blessed tis,
to pardon and forgive.
The dear, sweet precious words he
spoke, like heavenly manna fell*

The perfect peace they brought our hearts, no human words can tell.

"Love brings millennial peace", he said, and though my lips were dumb,

I still kept shouting in my soul, "Amen! And let it come!"

"When men forgive all other men, the year of jubilee

Will dawn upon the world," he said. I said, "So let it be."

"So love your neighbor as yourself," he then began again

And Silas Phipps, across the aisle, he shouted out, "Amen!"

What right had he to yell, "Amen!", the low-down, measly hound

Who took my cow, my own milk cow, and locked her in the pound?

The low-down, raw-bone, measly crank! A lunkhead and a lout

Whose love and grace and heart and soul, have all been rusted out!

To sit there in the sanctuary, and holler out, "Amen!"

If I could choke the rascal once, he'd never shout again!

One day his dog came by my house. I called the brute inside;

Gave him a chunk of meat to eat, and he crawled off and died.

He just crawled off and died right then; says I, "I'll let him see,

No long-legged simpleton like him, can get the best of me!"

But, oh, the sermon, I would love, to hear it preached again,

About forgiveness, charity, and love of fellow men.

I should have felt as if I basked, in heaven's special smile

If that old villain Silas Phipps, hadn't sat across the aisle.

Author Unknown

As you journey along life's path, do not let the slights and rubs of life turn you bitter or resentful. You'll miss out on the blessings along the way. Forgive your neighbor. Forgive yourself. Live life with a smile; forgive and be forgiven. This will bring joy.

Have a wonderful day!



The boots and photos of Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Morris serve as a reminder of his dedication to duty and of his sacrifice. (U.S. Army photo/Spc. Ryan Stroud)

Commentary by Whitney Rogers Arnold Engineering Development Center Public Affairs

I will never forget that Sunday afternoon in Maryville, Tenn., when my parents received a phone call. My mom answered the phone and made the tell-tale gasping noise she only makes when something is wrong. She started crying and then hung up the phone. She told us my cousin had been killed in Iraq.

Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Morris, 28, Nov. 25 in Al Judiah, Iraq, when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle. Daniel was one of four Soldiers in a Humvee. The other three Soldiers received varying degrees of injuries. Daniel took the brunt of the explosion. He was a Bradley Armored Personnel Carrier operator assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sometime after Daniel's funeral, I was on my way home from work, stuck in interstate traffic, when I heard the song, "This Is Your Life" by the band, Switchfoot. Within the song is the lyric, "This is your life, are you who you want to be?"

I began thinking about my cousin and all of the events surrounding his death. While listening to that song, I realized the type of person Daniel really was.

Daniel was a loving person. He was a son, a father and a Christian. But most importantly, he was a Soldier. When he was just a kid, Daniel had dreamed of joining the Army.

He was exactly who he wanted to be. The stories friends and family shared about Daniel's faith and commitment to duty reinforced that.

For example, Daniel bought a car for the sole purpose of picking people up and taking them to

Living your life the way you want can impact others

church on Sunday mornings. He replaced the front door of the Servicemen's Home he lived in before he left for Iraq. He bought a riding lawnmower so members of his church congregation could mow their property. Everything he did, he did for the glory of God.

There is one story in particular I will never forget. The Rev. Matthew Reed, the minister at the church Daniel attended near Fort Hood, keeps a map with pushpins in it to show where all the Soldiers he knows are deployed. Before Daniel left for his second tour of duty in Iraq, he gave Reverend Reed a Purple Heart pushpin.

Daniel may have felt he was not coming home, but he went anyway. He went and proudly served his country. And, like so many of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, he gave his life for his country and for the Iraqi people. It was who he was. He likely could have answered the song's question, "Are you who you want to be?" without giving it a second thought.

The lessons I learned from Daniel are amazing. I realize that I am not invincible. Along with the good, bad things can and will happen. What is important is how I choose to deal with whatever happens.

I have learned that making the most of my life should be a much higher priority on my "to do" list.

I cannot accomplish anything by sitting back, being complacent and letting the world move around me. Instead, I should, as they say, "Grab the bull by the horns" and take advantage of every opportunity that comes my way.

Daniel will always be my hero. He will always be an example of someone who unselfishly gave his life and lived every moment being exactly who he wanted to be.

Not everyone can say the same. The challenge? It's your life. Are you who you want to be?

Keep the Best Fund tops \$134,000

by Keith Hill
President, AFGE Local 1647

The Keep the Best Fund of the Tobyhanna Army Depot Blue Ribbon Task Force currently totals \$134,851.71. That total is split between a savings account with \$78,128.19 and Certificates of Deposit valued at \$56,723.52 as of Feb. 28. The funds are deposited in the Tobyhanna Army Depot Federal Credit Union.

The fund was established by regional leaders as part of the effort to support the depot during the base closure process starting in the early 1990s. Local businesses, governmental

bodies, depot employees and private citizens contributed to the fund.

Most funds over the last four years were expended to pay for a Washington-based consultant who advised the task force during the 2005 round of base closures.

Other expenses included travel to BRAC hearings, meetings, postage and supplies.

Money in the fund may only be spent on initiatives that would retain or create jobs at Tobyhanna. The expenditure of funds must be approved by a fund management group, which consists of task force members, including myself, as president of Local 1647, American Federation of Government Employees.

Golf tournament set for June

The annual Sandy Sutherland Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament will tee off at 11 a.m. on June 18 at Pine Hills Country Club in Taylor.

The tournament uses the captain and crew format. The cost is \$80 for greens fee, cart and dinner following golf. Proceeds benefit veterans served by the VA Medical Center, Plains, and the Gino Merli Veterans' Center, Scranton. Registration forms are available in the Public Affairs Office.

For more information, call Joe Sylvester, 961-2696.

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Progress continues in Panjshir Province

by Sgt. Timothy Dinneen
Combined Joint Task Force 82

PANJSHIR, Afghanistan — The tomb of Shaeed Ahmad Shah Masood, “the Lion of Panjshir,” stands on a hilltop overlooking the mountainous river valley which he dedicated his life to protect against Soviet invasions and Taliban assaults.

Masood was the leader of the Northern Alliance, and he is a hero to many Afghans because he was able to defeat the Soviets, accounting for more than 50 percent of their casualties. In addition, he kept the Taliban at bay while they controlled 90 percent of the country, according to Army Maj. Clifford White, deputy provincial reconstruction team (PRT) commander, Panjshir PRT.

Although assassinated by al Qaeda just days before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Masood’s legacy of peace and progress for free Afghans endures through progress made by Panjsheeris.

Panjshir Province is a model of success because of the strength shown by the people living within the valley, White said. He added that Panjsheeris are providing the muscle behind security, cultivating a fertile environment for construction projects and humanitarian-aid assistance.

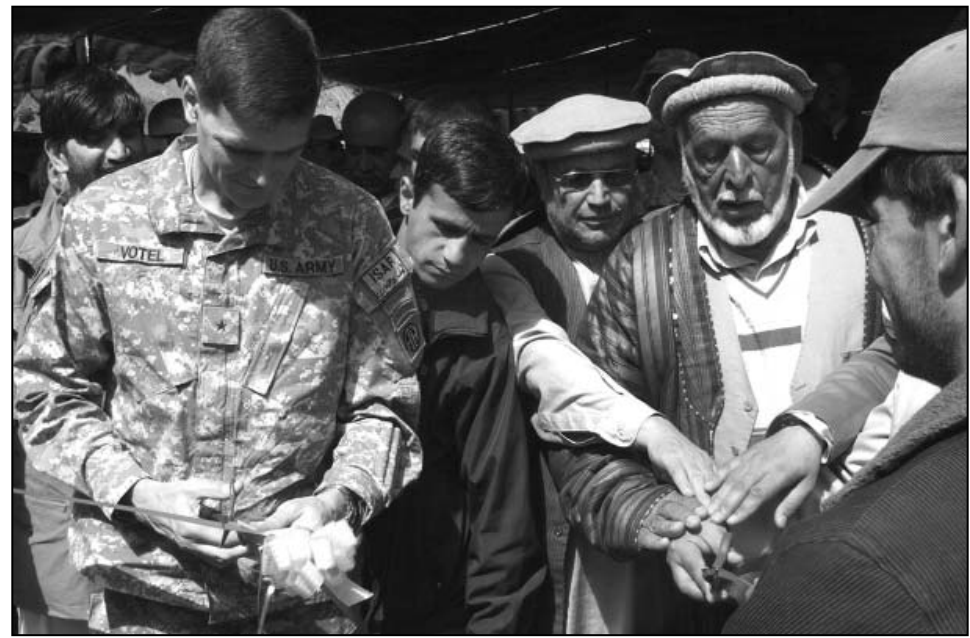
“We live in one of the best neighborhood watches on the planet,” White said. “They do more than guard houses – when we go on missions, they come with us. The security details are from all six districts so they know the people and the terrain. When we have problems, they handle it Afghan against Afghan.”

Panjshir only has been recognized as a province since 2004, but its residents and leaders have completed a micro hydro plant for electricity generation, new roads for commerce, bridges, wells, schools, and a radio station to connect the remote valley to the rest of the country.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel, deputy commander of Combined Joint Task Force 82, arrived here last week to help inaugurate another project. He attended the groundbreaking of a new public works building.

“The (Afghan) New Year provides a great opportunity to focus on the future of reconstruction and not a future of war,” Votel said. “Public works will play a key part in the future of Panjshir sustaining a self-sufficient province. Education and agriculture are also important, but without public works, children cannot attend school, adults can’t get to work and produce won’t reach the market.”

Votel acknowledged the positive security



Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel, deputy commander of Combined Joint Task Force 82, cuts a ribbon at the groundbreaking of a new public works building in Panjshir Province, Afghanistan, on March 27. (Photo by Sgt. Timothy Dinneen)

situation in Panjshir has made reconstruction possible. “Cooperative security here is a model for the rest of Afghanistan and, hopefully, the reconstruction will also serve as a model,” he said. “It is a step-by-step process, and today is a big step.”

The public works building will help with road clearing, water purification, landscaping and waste management – many of the small things a community needs in order for the bigger projects to get under way.

“This is a nice, secure province because the people won’t allow the Taliban here,” said Saddeem, a local student. “People are

generally happy with the American presence because they recognize they are helping.”

White did concede there are some security issues within the Panjshir community, but at the end of the day, residents all recognize they must work together peacefully to succeed.

“There are a number of factions that disagree. However, as Governor Balu said, ‘Panjshir is like an open hand with its fingers arguing, however when outside forces try and take something from the valley or impose its will, the hand closes and becomes a fist,’” White said.

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Iraqi, Coalition begin clearing operation in Ramadi

by American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraqi security and coalition forces began a major operation to clear al Qaeda from western Ramadi in Iraq’s Anbar province, military officials reported last week.

Task Force 1-9 Infantry and Iraqi Soldiers and police began offensive operations this morning to establish and maintain security in downtown Ramadi.

“This operation will benefit the people of Ramadi by establishing security and providing basic services and necessities,” said Col. John Charlton, commander of 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 3rd Infantry Division.

“Al Qaeda has intimidated the people of Ramadi through murder, kidnapping and the destruction of their city,” he said. “The sons of Anbar are here to establish and maintain security.”

This is the fourth large-scale operation planned and coordinated by Iraqi security and coalition forces in Ramadi

since the 1st BCT assumed control of the region in mid-February.

In other news from Iraq, coalition forces killed five terrorists and detained 22 suspected terrorists in operations during the last week targeting foreign fighter facilitation and al Qaeda in Iraq networks, military officials reported.

During a four-day operation near Karmah, coalition forces killed two terrorists after receiving enemy fire and detained 10 suspected terrorists. Three hostages were liberated and treated for injuries they suffered while in captivity.

Several weapons caches were discovered, consisting of five anti-aircraft heavy machine guns, 12 rocket-propelled grenade launchers, homemade rocket launchers, mortar tubes, 57 mm rockets, IEDs, and multiple wired propane tanks. The caches were destroyed at the scene to prevent future use by terrorists.

Coalition forces conducted a raid targeting known foreign fighter facilitators operating near Taji last week, officials said. During the raid of one site, coalition forces encountered and killed an armed terrorist.

Two more terrorists ran from a targeted building and set up defensive positions along the embankment of an irrigation canal. Coalition forces used self-defense measures, killing the two terrorists, officials said. Near the targeted site, four suspected terrorists surrendered and were detained. Women and children were present during the operations, but none were injured.

“Terrorists continue to deliberately place innocent Iraqi women and children in danger by operating among them,” Army Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, Multi-National Force - Iraq spokesman, said. “Coalition forces take extensive precautions to protect civilians while in pursuit of terrorists.”

Coalition forces also captured seven suspected terrorists southwest of Karbala last week during a raid targeting foreign fighter facilitators. Also, suspect with alleged ties to al Qaeda

in Iraq was detained north of Karmah.

Elsewhere in Iraq, coalition and Iraqi forces discovered a cache containing homemade explosives southwest of Radwanayah yesterday, officials reported.

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment “Golden Dragons,” 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, discovered the explosives, totaling 700 pounds, in potato sacks along a reed line during a combat patrol.

The contents of the cache were destroyed during a controlled detonation conducted by an explosive ordnance disposal team.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, Iraqi security forces and Multinational Division Baghdad (MND-B) Soldiers continued operations in support of Operation Fardh al-Qanoon to help set on-going conditions for a stable and self-reliant Iraq, officials report.

In the past week, elements from this MND-B unit have conducted 138 missions, resulting in the discovery of 21 improvised explosive devices (IED) successfully taking these insurgent-driven threats off the streets.

Finding the IEDs helps provide a more secure area for both the Iraqi people and U.S. and Iraqi security forces operating within the capital, officials said.

In other operations last week, officials report that Iraqi and coalition forces detained 62 suspected terrorists, discovered four IEDs and found a massive weapons cache in the Mahmudiyah, Iraq area near the QaQaa Weapons Facility, March 23.

Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team detained the suspected terrorists and found the weapons cache during Operation Eagle Dive, an operation intended to disrupt anti-Iraqi forces within the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, area of operations.

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Iraqi army soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 5th Division, stand outside an Iraqi army compound in Iraq. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy L. Pearsall)

Officials extend referral bonus program to Army civilians to help boost enlistments

by Heike Hasenauer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The Army has expanded its \$2K Referral Bonus program to include civilian employees, making it possible for them to earn \$2,000 while helping the Army boost enlistments.

Until yesterday, the recruiting incentive — known as the “\$2K Referral Bonus” program for the regular Army and Army Reserve, and “Every Soldier is a Recruiter” in the National Guard — applied only to Soldiers and Army retirees who referred applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate from advanced individual training.

The bonus for referring a prospective applicant who has never served in the armed forces originated in January 2006 with a \$1,000 bonus. It was doubled in November 2006.




Under the newly expanded program, a Department of the Army civilian who refers a prospective recruit before the applicant meets with a recruiter is eligible for the award. Restrictions preclude the referral of an immediate family member (including an adopted or step-child). Additionally, the referral must be made via the following Web sites, respectively, for active-duty Army prospective recruits and Army National Guard prospective recruits: <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or www.1800goguard.com/esar.

Referrals for the regular Army and Army Reserve may also be made by calling U.S. Army Recruiting Command's toll-free number: 800-223-3735. Referrals to the National Guard may be made by calling the Guard's toll-free number: 866-566-2472.

“As the Army Civilian Creed notes, Army civilians are dedicated members of the Army team. They support the mission, and they provide stability and continuity during war and peace,” said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. “I know they are directing deserving youth to recruiters now. This will not only encourage them, but also reward them for their service.”

For more information about the referral program, visit <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or call 800-223-3735, extension 6-0473. (Heike Hasenauer is the senior editor for “Soldiers” magazine.)


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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE


The Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Web site contains Sexual Assault Awareness Month materials and information, a variety of educational materials, policy documents, lesson plans, and links to other resources.

Heather Fiedler is Tobyhanna Army Depot's sexual assault response coordinator. She provides the following services:

- Crisis intervention
- Medical accompaniment
- Legal advocacy
- Command advocacy

Her phone number is X57509.





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CID warns against personal computer threat

'Keylogging' methods can steal Thrift Savings Plan account funds

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Soldiers, family members and Army civilians using their home computers to access Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) accounts online can be vulnerable to having their personal information stolen, according to a recent alert posted on TSP's Web site.

According to the alert, TSP officials have identified customers who are victims of a computer crime known as “keylogging” or “keystroke logging.” Keylogging is a diagnostic tool used in software development that captures a user's keystrokes, but in the wrong hands, it enables criminals to record all the typing on a keyboard without the user's knowledge. The technique can capture a computer user's TSP Personal Identification Number (PIN) or other personal account information such as a Social Security Number.

The director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, Michael Milner, said personal information is increasingly available on ‘keylogger’ lists for sale through criminal networks and so far, all of the TSP cases involve the transfer of electronic

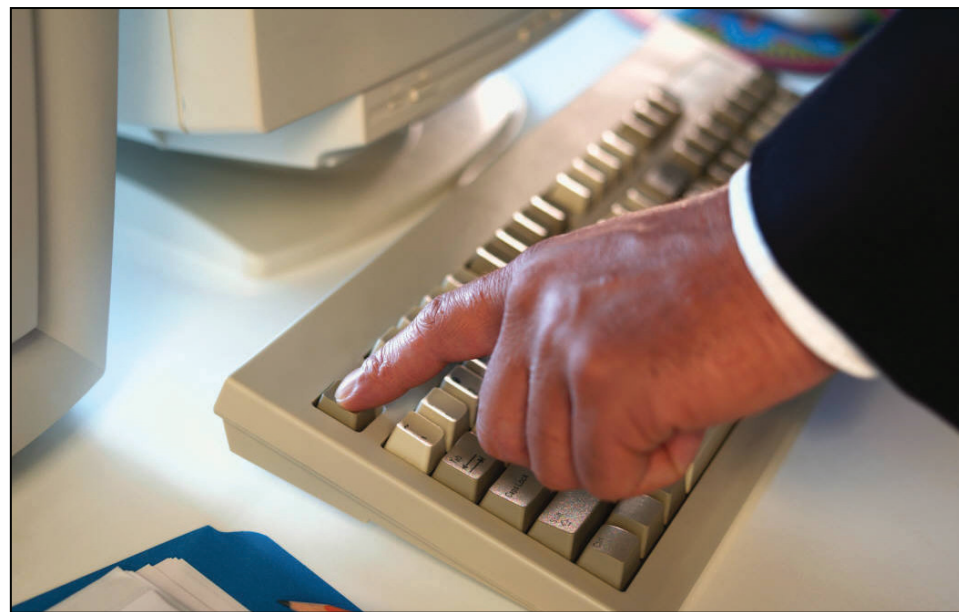
funds, since criminals normally prefer the ‘paperless’ way to steal money.

“Computer users should protect themselves from keyloggers and other malicious software and should promptly close the Web browser after they have checked their TSP account information,” Milner explained. “Users must remember that logging off a Web site does not clear a browser's memory, and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information.”

Milner said he is unaware of any Army victims at this point, but strongly recommends computer users review their home system's security effectiveness to reduce exposure to these types of attacks.

According to the TSP's notice, external penetration testing determined the TSP record keeping system was not breached, but concluded personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each individual keystroke of some victims when they used home computers to enter their TSP PIN and Social Security Number.

TSP was also able to identify participants who had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts. As an added security measure, TSP has discontinued making electronic payments for on-line transactions,



according to TSP officials.

Milner also explained that the best advice for computer users is to follow general computer security principles at home and to download antivirus software. Army personnel can download free antivirus software for their home computers by visiting the Joint Task Force—Global Network Operations (JTF-GNO) Web site, https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home_use.htm. They must access the JTF-GNO Web site from a “.mil,” or military computer system and authenticate with their government Common Access Card (CAC) and PIN. After downloading the software,

they can then install it on their home computers.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, will continually release notices such as TSP alert through their “CID Cyber Lookout” program, an initiative aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves and their families from becoming victims of cyber crime.

To view the TSP Alert, visit www.tsp.gov/account/login_security-news-ab.html. To learn more about CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, visit www.cid.army.mil/CCIU.htm.

Rules of the road help guard against accidents

by **Jacqueline Boucher**
Assistant Editor

Walking is a great way to get exercise and simply to get around. Unfortunately, walking is not always safe on depot streets or in work areas.

Knowing the rules of the road can guard against accidents as employees participate in an exercise program, stretch their legs or get a breath of fresh air, during breaks and lunch. Whether walking alone or with a group, safety should be a priority.

“Indoor and outdoor walking both involve hazards,” said Stefanie Ward, safety technician, Safety Division, Industrial Risk Management Directorate. Tobyhanna is an industrial area and the current policies were written to protect employees, she explained. Vehicle traffic, such as semitrailers, bikes, forklifts and warehouse tractors, frequent the roads and walkways in depot facilities. People also need to be aware of construction sites and heavy equipment being used around the installation, she said.

Hundreds of employees take advantage of the warmer temperatures and walk outdoors.

DoD and local guidance outlines the rules of the road and promotes safety through education. Last year, there were six incidents involving recreational walking: three were OSHA recordable and three were non-recordable. Recordable incidents mean the individual either missed time from work or worked with job restrictions, and treatment beyond first aid was required. Non-recordable means they visited the health clinic for first-aid treatment and immediately returned to their job, according to Ward. No incidents have been reported so far this year.

Department of Defense (DoD) and Tobyhanna safety and security officials provide strict, realistic guidance when it comes to traversing roadways and work areas on government property. These rules apply to all military and civilian personnel on an installation.

“Walkers are encouraged to be extremely cautious, stay clear of hazardous areas and use common sense and courtesy,” said Anthony Nardell, a depot police officer on a developmental assignment in the Safety Division. “Drivers are also urged to exercise extreme caution and keep an alert



Pedestrians are advised to walk alongside the road, not in the road. People must stay to the left side of the road, face traffic, wear light colored clothing during hours of darkness, and refrain from wearing headphones. (Photo by Tony Medici)

eye for pedestrians walking along the roads.”

Employees are advised to walk alongside the road, not in the road. Walking on the road not only obstructs the normal flow of traffic and movement of goods, but puts the walker in danger of being struck by a vehicle, according to Nardell. Tobyhanna Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, also states that pedestrians must walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, wear light colored clothing during hours of darkness, and refrain from wearing headphones.

Other considerations to keep in mind when walking outdoors include avoiding construction areas, using sidewalks whenever possible, using crosswalks when crossing a roadway and yielding to emergency vehicles.

Wearing portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle, jogging/running, bicycling, skating or skate boarding on roads and streets on DoD installations is prohibited. Tobyhanna officials added walking to the locally published list of these dos and don'ts. DoD guidance indicates the use of those

devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles and human speech.

“One employee couldn't hear the bell when a buggy driver approached from behind,” said Nardell, referring to a recent complaint about people wearing headphones while walking in the industrial areas. “Most people don't realize vehicles going 25 miles per hour travel 40 feet per second—every second counts.”

During inclement weather, employees can use the designated indoor walking route. It's a .33-mile route that passes through buildings 1A and 1C. Recreational indoor walking in other areas or buildings is unauthorized.

“Walkers need to stay on the main thoroughfares and out of work areas,” Ward said, recommending people walk inside the yellow lines. She also advises pedestrians to steer clear of areas posted as restricted or requiring special safety equipment such as safety glasses, hard hats or steel-toe shoes.

For more information, call the Safety Office, X57027.



Pennsylvania senator visits Tobyhanna

Computer Engineer George Wolfe, second from left, briefs U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey on the depot's helmet bracket fabrication project during the senator's initial visit to Tobyhanna. Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto and Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki escorted Casey on a tour of the operations area during his March 16 visit, which also included the command perspectives briefing. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)



**2006 INCOME TAX
FILING DEADLINE
IS APRIL 17**

Taxpayers will have extra time to file and pay because April 15 falls on a Sunday, and the following day, April 16, is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Dunmore, Scranton:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, meet at Blockbusters at Dunmore-Harrison Avenue-Route 307, call Tom Conway, X56351.
- **Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, New Jersey:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, call John, X58751.
- **Mountain Top, White Haven:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., non-smoking, call Janet, X57532.
- **Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, leaves Veteran's of Foreign War building at 6 a.m., call John, X56250.
- **Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, 5/4/9, "A" placard, call Richard, X59343.
- **Archbald, Jessup, Dunmore:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, shared driving, pick-up points are St. Thomas, Cousins, Park and Ride, and the Holiday Inn, contact Mike, X56550, or mike.chapman@us.army.mil.
- **Avoca, Duryea, Moosic:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, "A" placard, call Paul, X57431.
- **Factoryville, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, "A" placard, 5/4/9, call Tom Talarico, X57081.
- **Dallas, Shavertown, Exeter:** Accepting names for waiting list, van, 7 passengers, non-smoking, 5/4/9, contact Bob Redinski, X59184 or send e-mail.
- **Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, call Paul Sacco, X56725 or Bill Joyce, X56774.
- **Edwardsville, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., meet at Price Chopper in Edwardsville, call John Stochla, X58793 or Wayne

Watkins, X58642.

- **Allentown area:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, starts at William Penn highway park and Ride, stops in Wind Gap, call Ed Estrada, X56683.
- **Jessup area:** 1 opening, non-smoking, van, 5/4/9, call Bob, X58818 or Gene, X57532.
- **Taylor, Old Forge:** 1 opening, van, 9/4/5 (off 2nd Friday), non-smoking, house-to-house pickup, call Ed, X59643.
- **White Haven, Mountain Top, Freeland, Hazleton, Drums, Conyngham:** 3 openings, 3rd shift, van, call John Yackiel, X57245.
- **Dunmore, East Scranton:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 9/4/5, non-smoking, door-to-door pickup, call Rich Kocis, X56816.
- **Olyphant, Jessup, Throop:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, non-smoking, call Bryan or Dave, X57639.
- **Meshoppen, Tunkhannock, Dalton:** 2 openings, "A" placard, 9/4/5, ends at Mr. Zs, Waverly exit on Interstate 81, call Thomas, X58736.
- **Berwick, Nescopeck, Conyngham:** individual seeks car or van pool, 5/4/9, contact Erin Priestman, X59779 or erin.priestman@tobyhanna.army.mil.
- **Parrish bus:** 5 openings, non-smoking, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., stops at the Midway Shopping Center, Wyoming; Gerrity's Market, West Pittston; Pittston Plaza; Convenient Market in Avoca, and the Triple A Auto at bottom of Route 502, \$125 a month, call Tony, X57507 or Bob, X56845.
- **Carbondale area:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, shared driving, 5/4/9, RDO first Friday, house pick up, call Patrick, X57178.
- **Back Mountain, Luzerne, Kingston:** individual seeks van pool, 5/4/9, contact Jeff Ciaruffoli, X59705 or Jeffrey.Ciaruffoli@us.army.mil.
- **Jim Thorpe area:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, shared driving, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., call Pat, X57671.



TRADING POST

- **Bicycle:** 2005 Santa Cruz VP Free, excellent condition, Hayes 8-inch discs front and rear, Fox DHX 5.0 rear shock, new Marzocchi single crown fork, E13 chain guide system, Hadley rear hub, new front and rear derailleurs, \$2,000, call John, 402-0762.
- **Picnic table:** Oak, 6 feet long, good shape, several years old, asking \$50, call Ray, 676-0783.
- **Pool:** 21-foot round, above ground, attached fence, filter, solar cover, A-frame ladder, auto vac and other accessories, 1 year old, purchased new and installed last summer, buyer removes, asking \$1,500 OBO, call Gregg, 267-8365 after 5 p.m.



From left, Paul Baumes, Terry Hammond, depot commander Col. Ron Alberto, Richard Long and Warren Ferrese attend the March 26 Length of Service ceremony.



From left, Glenn Brodt, Thomas Damski, Robert Olecki and Alberto attend the March 21 Length of Service ceremony.

CAREER MILESTONE

Seven Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the March 21 and 26 Length of Service ceremonies.

Richard Long, 40 years, quality assurance specialist/mechanical, Quality Management Division, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

Paul Baumes, 30 years, training instructor, Technical Development Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Glenn Brodt, 30 years, electronics integrated systems mechanic, Avionics Division, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

Thomas Damski, 30 years, forklift tractor operator, Material Management Division, Production Management Directorate.

Warren Ferrese, 30 years, machinist leader, Industrial Services

Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Terry Hammond, 30 years, electronics mechanic, Surveillance Systems Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

Robert Olecki, 30 years, electronics mechanic, Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, 40-year honorees receive a gold watch from the depot and a crystal eagle statue from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, N.J., and 30-year honorees receive a framed American flag and aerial photo of the depot.

Honorees who attend the ceremony get a four-hour time-off award. Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto presented the awards.

Commissary customers help curb costs by choosing paper bags

Commissary workers at Tobyhanna Army Depot are hoping shoppers will say yes to paper bags for bagging their groceries as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's measures to offset recent major cost increases of plastic and paper bags.

Tobyhanna, along with all the other commissaries in the United States, is trying to reach usage goals of about 70 percent paper and 30 percent plastic, so customers are hearing more, "Is paper okay?"

"Our customers have a really big role in this latest effort as we try to control costs while continuing to provide a premier commissary benefit. They've responded well during previous 'Say no to plastic bags and no to double bagging' campaigns so this is more of

a reminder to continue using paper bags and a call for more customers to join in. It's voluntary; the purpose is to control unnecessary costs, not inconvenience customers," said Jerry Durham, commissary director.

Changing bagging preferences is something most customers have been glad to do when they've been made aware of the cost issues during previous bagging campaigns.

Worldwide, commissaries tally nearly 100 million customer transactions annually and the agency spent about \$20 million on bags last year. The cost of paper bags has increased 34 percent in the past three years, while plastic bag costs have risen 84 percent.

Shipping costs offset the difference for overseas

commissaries, so the paper bag emphasis isn't applied there, although double bagging is discouraged DeCA-wide.

Here are some ways commissary customers are helping:

- * They're using paper bags in U.S. commissaries.

- * They're bringing and using their own mesh or canvas tote bags.

- * They're bringing and reusing paper or plastic bags. Customers may bring paper or plastic bags back to the commissary to use for their own grocery order, but commissaries are not able to recycle bags due to health concerns. Baggers may also refuse to use recycled bags if they appear to be damaged or contaminated.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Michael Benjamin	Electroplating worker	D/SIS
Timothy Beverage	Electronics mechanic	D/C3/Avionics
Roger Brandenburg	Security guard	D/IRM
Joseph Cannavo	FRA support program manager	D/C3/Avionics
Veronica Davis	Secretary	Command group
Istvan Dejesus	Supply systems analyst	D/PM
William Deweese	Electronics mechanic helper	D/C3/Avionics
Brian Fahey	Sheet metal worker	D/SIS
Joseph Gagnon	Electronics mechanic helper	D/ISR
Carlene Grindle	Supply systems analyst	D/PM
Robert Hewins	Firefighter	D/IRM
Robert Jenkins	Equipment cleaner	D/SIS
Scott Kinney	Security guard	D/IRM
Shannon Kuhn	Electronics mechanic helper	D/COMM SYS
James Ratowski	Equipment cleaner	D/SIS
Valerie Robinson	Secretary	D/PM
Eric Sarnosky	Electronics worker	D/C3/Avionics
Thomas Schuldaski	Electronics mechanic helper	D/Comm Sys
Edward Skursky	Electronics mechanic helper	D/ISR
Mark Smith	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Thomas Sweet	Electrical worker	D/SIS
Christopher Wilkes	Equipment specialist	D/ISR
Russell Wright	FRA support program manager	D/C3/Avionics
Michael Yazwinsky	Electronics worker	D/COMM SYS
Jeffrey Zawatski	Equipment cleaner	D/SIS

RETIREES

Three employees met with depot commander Col. Ron Alberto March 29 before retiring.

Norman White was a purchasing agent, Purchasing Division, Contracting Directorate.

He started work at Tobyhanna in March 2000.

White served in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than four years. He resides in Factoryville and has a daughter, Lauren.

His hobbies include sports cars, sport target shooting, flying, woodworking, going to Atlantic City and the Mohegan Sun and copying DVDs.

After retirement he plans to get a part time job or start a business. He's also looking for a Erocoup airplane.

William Whyte was an electronics mechanic, Avionics Division, Command, Control and Communications/Avionics Directorate. He started work at Tobyhanna in July 1975.

Whyte is a combat veteran who retired from the Air Force in 1973. He resides in Canadensis with his wife, Gloria. They are parents to Scott, grandparents to Scott, Victoria, Sam and Thomas, and great-grandparents to Rebecca.

His hobbies include model trains, Civil War memorabilia, coin collecting, computer video games and fishing. After retirement he plans to help his wife maintain the house and spend quality time with family.

Clark Meyers was an electronics mechanic leader, Air Traffic Control and Landing System Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. He started work at Tobyhanna in February 1967.

He resides in Swoyersville with his wife, Francesca. They are parents to Christine and Carol have four grandchildren.

His hobbies include fishing, collecting Lionel trains and gardening. After retirement, Meyers plans to relax and visit his grandchildren.



White



Whyte



Meyers

NEW SUPERVISORS

Russell Wright is the Forward Repair Activity (FRA) East branch chief, FRA Division, Command, Control and Computers/Avionics Directorate.

As chief, he supervises 66 employees who perform systems maintenance and overhaul at 11 repair activities in the eastern United States and at deployed sites around the world.

Wright retired from the Air Force in 2006 after 21 years service. During his military career he deployed throughout Europe and the Middle East as a tactical air traffic control systems technician. His final assignment was as the communications maintenance superintendent at RAF Lakenheath, England. Wright's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. He began his career at Tobyhanna last month.

Wright is a 1982 graduate of Kempsville High School, Virginia Beach, Va. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in business management in 2002 and the University of Oklahoma with a master's degree in international relations in 2006.

He and his wife, Charlotte, reside in Scranton. Wright's hobbies include sports and travel.

Jay Cannavo is the Forward Repair Activity (FRA) Central branch chief, FRA Division, Command, Control and Computers/Avionics Directorate.



Wright



Cannavo

The branch is responsible for accomplishing the depot's Tactical Operation Center Reset mission, providing field service representatives to work directly with the Soldiers and their equipment, fielding and transferring new equipment to Army units, and repairing computer

equipment. As chief, he supervises 66 people.

Cannavo served four and a half years in the Army and two years in the Army Reserve. He served with the 82nd Airborne (504 PIR), 1st of the 75th Ranger Battalion, 11th Air Defense Artillery and the 330th Combat Engineers. Cannavo's awards and decorations include the National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Navy Meritorious Service Medal. He also earned the following badges: Airborne Wings, Air Assault, Expert Infantry, Pathfinder, Scuba and Ranger Tab.

Prior to his current position he was the anti-terrorist/force protection officer, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Division, Picatinny Army Arsenal, N.J. He began his career at Tobyhanna in last month.

Cannavo is a 1974 graduate of Upper Darby High School, Upper Darby, Pa. He is a graduate of Delaware County Community College and the University of Maryland with a degree in business administration.

He resides in Tannersville. He is the father of two sons: Jason, 27 and Jay, 21.

Cannavo's hobbies include scuba diving, skydiving, snowboarding, fishing and hunting.

OBITUARY

Daniel J. Miller died March 18 at Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg. He was 67. An electronics mechanic in the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate's Surveillance Systems Division, Miller had more than 25 years of civil service. Prior to that, he served in the Air Force for more than three years.

A native of Easton, he was the son of the late Daniel and Pauline Miller and was a resident of the Stroudsburg area for 40 years. He was married to his wife Florence for 40 years.

Miller was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Stroudsburg. He was also a member of the Eagle Scout Review Board for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Karen Miller and Amy Rosenthal; a sister, Patricia Pam Hochrine; a nephew, Randy



Miller

Dotter; and a niece, Debbie Dotter.

Michael J. Krushnowski died March 10 in Grapevine, Texas. He was 64. An electronic digital computer mechanic in the Fort Hood Forward Repair Activity, Krushnowski's depot career began in May 1977.

Prior to his depot service, he served in the Navy for more than six years and was honorably discharged in 1968. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, the Purple Heart, and the Armed Forces and Marine Corps expeditionary medals.

A native of Lafin, he was the son of Michael and Bridget (Suchocki) Krushnowski. A Catholic, he was married to Kim Watson.

Survivors include his wife, Kim; son, Steven Krushnowski; three daughters, Nicole and Jenna Krushnowski, and Michele Vella; four brothers, Steve, Ronald, Gary and Paul Krushnowski; and one sister, Agnes Klimek.

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Penguin ice hockey playoff tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund has ordered playoff tickets. These tickets will be in the same location as the season tickets. The seats are in section 108, row D, seat numbers 11-14; section 112, row M, seat numbers 20-23, and section 114, row G, seat numbers 5-8. All 12 tickets are reserved for every Penguin home game played. Cost is \$18 each (a \$6.50 discount off the gate price).



Pioneer's football

Sixteen tickets are available for every home game for Section 110, row A, seats 5, 6 and 12, 13. Cost is \$25 each.

Tickets for section 108, row E, seats 9-16 are \$8 each. Section 104, row H, seats 17-20 are \$20 a ticket.

For more ticket information call the One Stop Shop, X8851.

Small change makes big impact

Electronics mechanics join forces, improve processes, cut costs

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Three Tobyhanna electronics mechanics' suggestion to replace a diode in a sensor will save about \$150,000 a year.

In a twist of terminology, instead of discarding a \$3,356 basic sight assembly scanner when the Zero Azimuth Position Sensor (ZAPS) broke, Tim Kime, David Voorhees and Andy Martino proposed, via the Suggestion Program, to reclassify the ZAPS from a component to a part, thereby authorizing them to repair the broken sensor. The trio was awarded \$3,939.99.

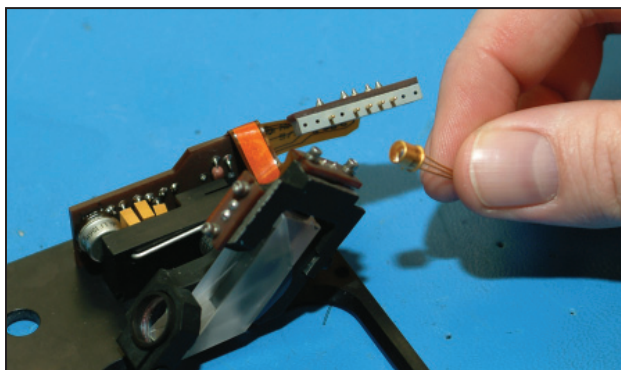
"It took a long time, but I always thought the idea would get approved," Kime said. "It seemed like a no-brainer — spend \$20 to save \$4,000." Electro-Optics/Night Vision Division works on an average of 225 scanners a year.

Gaps in the supply line and high costs lead the mechanics to discover that eight out of 10 times, only a diode needed to be replaced to bring a broken scanner back online. The diode costs \$20 and it takes about an hour to install.

After working on the ZAPS for several years, the mechanics knew there had to be a better way of doing business. Through the process of trial and error, the three men spent their off-duty time devising a plan to save time and money by fixing the scanners at the depot. The unit consists of 14 parts, including the sensor and a glass prism and lens. Repairing the electronics part of the unit enabled workers to save the valuable prism.

"We realized that the only way to solve the problems was to fix the scanners in house," Voorhees said. "We had to get the reclassification accepted to make repairs." He explained that if an item is classified a component, it isn't repaired; however, a part can be repaired.

The ZAPS is used in the basic sight assembly scanner of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The scanner is a mirror



The Zero Azimuth Position Sensor usually needed a new diode to bring the Bradley Fighting Vehicle basic sight assembly scanner back online. (Photos by Steve Grzedzinski)

assembly that moves quickly left and right, according to John Sylko, electronics mechanic, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. Once the zero azimuth position is found, the mirror is adjusted to move equally left and right from the center. The optics are lined up to this adjusted point, he added.

"ZAPS allows the technician to find the center of the moving mirror letting the cross-hairs of the night vision system to line up," he said. "If there were no ZAPS, then the system would sight slightly left or right of the target."

The mechanics started the reclassification effort in 2002 by submitting their idea to the Suggestion Program. Working together, Kime found the necessary parts to fix the sensor, Voorhees laid out the design and Martino completed the paperwork. Confident the suggestion would be approved, they also started saving broken scanners in the hopes they could make repairs and return them to serviceable condition.

"We're pretty proud of what we were able to accomplish," Martino said. "It feels good to help the troops in the field and we saved a lot of money."



Timothy Kime, left, and David Voorhees' suggestion to replace a diode generated a \$150,000 a year savings. Andy Martino, who transferred to the Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate, also contributed to the suggestion.

Tobyhanna Army Depot

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According to the latest Panjshir PRT census, Panjshir province has more than 300,000 inhabitants with new villages being discovered when exploring around the mountainous bends. It is a mono-ethnic area dominated by the Tajik tribe that is predominately Sunni.

White said even though society is conservative, education for both girls and boys is important to Panjsheeris.

"There are 55,000 school-age children, and 80 percent attend school every day," White said. "Of

CLEARING from Page 3

During the operation, Soldiers discovered a series of small caches and consolidated it into one massive cache.

The nine caches contained a 120 mm mortar tube with a base plate, five 82 mm mortar tubes, a 82 mm base plate, three 82 mm tripods, a complete 60 mm mortar system, a mortar bore brush, 30 boxes of mortar primers, 70 loose mortar fuses, two sniper rifles with scopes, nine 155 mm projectiles, 122 82 mm projectiles, a 105 mm projectile, 122 82 mm projectiles, 106 60 mm projectiles, six rocket-propelled grenade systems, an RPG scope, an RPG night scope, 55 RPG-7 rounds, seven RPG rounds, 15 boxes of PKC ammunition, 18 AK-47s, 10 pounds of unknown explosives, 15 hand grenades, a partial 14.5 mm projectile, a M-759 fuse, 15 complete sets of Iraqi army uniforms, 20 feet of detonation cord, 24 blasting caps, three anti-aircraft platforms, two anti-aircraft barrels, 100

those 80 percent, 35 percent are female."

Panjshir province Deputy Gov. Kabini said he can tell the people of his province are growing more optimistic from the way their eyes and faces look, and the people are becoming more informed and connected to their government through their new radio station.

"We will not accept al Qaeda in any form of this government because they killed our national hero and attacked the U.S.," Kabini said. "These tragedies bind us together against al Qaeda."

loose rounds, four acetylene tanks, three radios, an 8 mm video tape, various medical supplies, various propaganda compact discs and religious paperwork.

"These caches are probably related to larger trafficking of arms throughout that area," Lt. Col. Frank Andrews, the 2nd BCT executive officer, said. "The ... uniforms found in the cache were likely to be used by the terrorists to intimidate local nationals in the area in an effort to discredit the Iraqi army."

The caches were destroyed during a controlled detonation conducted by an explosive ordnance disposal team.

Also during operations, four improvised explosive devices were discovered in the area along one of the main routes leading into the Mahmudiyah area.

(Compiled from Multinational Force Iraq and Multinational Corps Iraq news releases.)